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Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy
and on Energy for Development

Note by the Secretariat

1. By decision 1992/218 of 30 April 1992, the Economic and Social Council decided to hold elections for the membership of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, established by the same decision, at its substantive session of 1992, as an exceptional measure. By its subsequent decision 1992/222 of 29 May 1992, the Council decided on the regional allocation of seats in the Committee (see E/1992/L.25).

2. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235, the Committee is to be composed of 24 experts nominated by Governments and elected by the Economic and Social Council. Their term of office will begin on 1 January 1993. They will act in their personal capacity and are eligible for re-election.

3. The following candidates were nominated by their Governments. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in the annex.

African States

Messaoud Boumaour (Algeria)

Eastern European States

Virgil Musatescu (Romania)
Alexander Assenov Penchev (Bulgaria)
Dmitri B. Volfberg (Russian Federation)

Latin American and Caribbean States

Ronaldo Costa Filho (Brazil)
Juan Camilo Restrepo Salazar (Colombia)
Zoilo Rodas Rodas (Paraguay)

Western European and other States

Bernard Devin (France)
Ove Walter Dietrich (Denmark)
Paul Georges Gerresch (Belgium)
Paul-Georg Guthermuth (Germany)
Wolfgang Hein (Austria)
Olav Isachsen (Norway)
Thomas B. Johansson (Sweden)
Giovanni Carlo Pinchera (Italy)
Wilhelmus Cornelis Turkenburg (Netherlands)

Annex

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Messaoud Boumaour (Algeria). Head of the Laboratory for the Development of Silicon Technology. Has done extensive research on solar matter and has contributed to the development of photovoltaic energy in Algeria. Has published scientific articles both in English and in French. Post-graduate studies completed at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium (dissertation on solar matter).

Bernard Devin (France). Currently in charge of international affairs for the Agency for Environment and Energy Use, including liaison functions with the United Nations and the World Bank. Has undertaken expert missions to Jordan and Kenya for the preparation of joint programmes in the field of renewable sources of energy. Has authored several publications in the field of solar energy and served on the United Nations group of experts on uses of solar energy, which authored a report entitled "Solar energy: a strategy in support of environment and development".

Ove Walter Dietrich (Denmark). Chief Executive Officer, SEAS Electric Unity, Haslev. Previously, Director of the Department of Energy Planning and Energy Research and Development, Ministry of Energy. Member of several committees, including the Council of Nordel, the Energy Research Committee of the Council of the Nordic Ministers, and the Council for Renewable Energies. Member of IEA review teams of energy policy in Australia, New Zealand, Portugal and Greece. Has published more than 50 papers in scientific journals.

Ronaldo Costa Filho (Brazil). Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations. Previously, Officer of the Cabinet of the Minister for External Relations (MFR), and Assistant to the Head of the Asia and Oceania Division (MFR). Delegate to the 14th meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; delegate to the 1992 meeting of the United Nations Children's Fund.

Paul Georges Gerresch (Belgium). Adviser and Chief of the Coordination Service for Energy Policy in the Energy Administration, Ministry of Economic Affairs, since 1980. Has also served in the Industry Administration of the Ministry. Has participated in many international conferences on the subject of energy within the Benelux countries, the European Community and the Economic Commission for Europe. Currently, Vice-President of the Long-term Coordination Group of the International Energy Agency.

Paul-Georg Guthermuth (Germany). Head of the Division for Renewable Energies, Federal Ministry of Economics. Published several articles on nuclear law and renewable energy. Was head of the German delegation to meetings of the United Nations Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy. Vice-President of the United Nations Intergovernmental Group of Experts on New and Renewable Sources of Energy. Also Vice-President of the Economic Commission for Europe Seminar on Solar Power Systems.

Wolfgang Hein (Austria). Director of Energy and Environment Division, Federal Chancellery, Vienna. Previously, research fellow and political adviser at the Institute for Economics and Environment of the Austrian Chamber of Labour. Member of various governmental and intergovernmental committees. European Vice-President of EUROSOLAR, Bonn. Various publications in the fields of energy, environment and chemicals policy.

Olav Isachsen (Norway). Assistant Director General in the Energy and Water Resources Department, Ministry of Petroleum and Energy. Previously, head of Research and Development Division, Ministry of Petroleum and Energy. Member of various national committees and councils for research and development. Member of the Working Party on Renewable Energy in the International Energy Agency (IEA). Also, member of the Committee on Energy Research and Technology in IEA.

Thomas B. Johansson (Sweden). Professor of Energy Systems Analysis, Department of Environmental and Energy Systems Studies, Lund University and Institute of Technology. Member of the Swedish Government Environment Advisory Council. Member of the Technical Advisory Group of the Joint World Bank/UNDP Energy Sector Management Assistance Programme. Chairman of the United Nations Solar Energy Group for Environment and Development, 1990-1991. Co-author of several books. Published more than 50 scientific papers on energy.

Virgil Musatescu (Romania). University lecturer at the Polytechnic Institute, Bucharest; Director of the Energy Oil and Gas Division, Ministry of Industry. Has presented papers at various international meetings, seminars and workshops. Member of two expert groups of the Economic Commission for Europe. Member of the American Society of Petroleum Engineers. Has been awarded certificates for inventions in the fields of hydraulics, sand control and gas wells.

Alexander Assenov Penchev (Bulgaria). Chief coordinator at Ecoterm Engineering, in charge of research and development. Supervisor in the field of renewable energy sources. Previously, employed at the Scientific Research Division of the Napolos R&D Laboratories. Main fields of specialization include conversion and the use of solar energy, geo-thermal energy, and wind energy. Experience also includes biogas installations and installations for the utilization of waste heat. Has made several inventions in the above areas.

Giovanni Carlo Pinchera (Italy). Adviser, Department of Energy and Environment of the Italian Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Environment; Adviser to the Italian Minister of Environment on Energy and Climate Change Policy issues. Chairman of OECD Group on Energy and Environment. Represented Italy at the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change. Member of several international and national committees and working groups. Author and/or co-author of more than 100 scientific articles. Award of Honour of the International Liquid Metal Boiling Group.

Juan Camilo Restrepo Salazar (Colombia). Former Minister of Mines and Energy. Has also held the position of President of "Acerias del Rio", Secretary and Assessor of the Monetary Board, President of the National Commission of Values, and Commercial Manager and Representative of the National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia for the International Organization of Coffee, in London.

Zoilo Rodas Rodas (Paraguay). Since 1989, Chairman of the National Electricity Administration of Paraguay. Former Chairman of the Commission for Regional Electrical Integration (1989-1991). Former Chairman of the Paraguayan Centre of Engineers (1987-1989). Has represented his country in numerous international conferences on rurual electrification, electrical systems and natural resources. Member of the Paraguayan-Hispanic Cultural Centre and the Paraguayan-French Chamber of Commerce.

Wilhelmus Cornelis Turkenburg (Netherlands). Professor of Science, Technology and Society at the University of Utrecht. Member and Chairman of several international and national committees and working groups, including the Board of the Society for Renewable Energy ISES-Nederland, the Working Group on Renewable Energy Sources of the World Energy Council, and the Programming Group on Sustainable Solutions of the Netherlands Research Programme on Global Atmospheric Pollution and Climate Change. Consultant to the JOULE R&D Programme of the European Community, and to the World Bank for solar PV (GEF). Author and co-author of more than 150 scientific papers.

Dmitri B. Volfberg (Russian Federation). Head of the Energy Department of the Ministry of Science, Higher Education and Technology. Member of the World Energy Council and of the Council's Commission "Energy for Tomorrow's World". Author of many scientific monographs, books and articles dealing with energy problems. Member of several national editorial boards of professional magazines in the field of energy. Has participated in various international meetings and conferences on energy. Has served as international expert to the Economic Commission for Europe to prepare a special report on climate change.